

Hydrophis lapemoides (Gray)?.. 6 These specimens represent the most common *Hydrophis* of the area. Previous collections have indicated *H. cyanocinctus* Daudin to be more common in these waters, but I am not able to differentiate these two similar species without comparative material.

Cerastes cerastes 4, plus 5 live specimens; of these, 3 are horned.

During the ten years beginning 1956, the Aramco medical department recorded 26 cases of snake bite; less than half of these cases were hospitalized. There were no known fatalities, and all were probably due to *Cerastes*.

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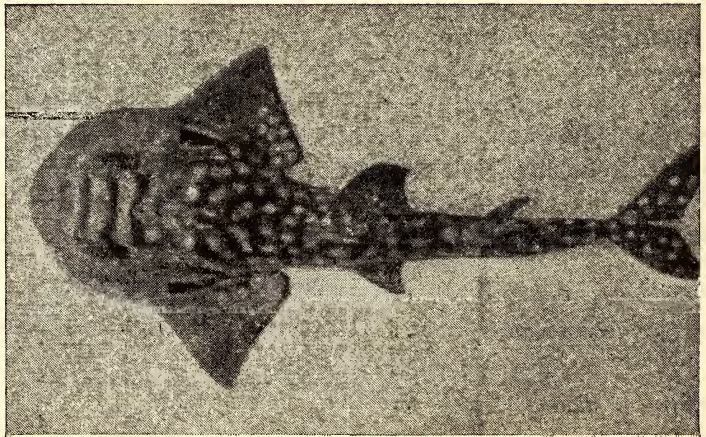
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8. *RHINA ANCHYLOSTOMA*, SCHNEIDER FROM THE IN-SHORE WATERS OFF PORTONOVO, S. INDIA

(With a photograph)

In September 1961, a single specimen of *Rhina anchylostoma* Schneider was caught from the inshore waters off Portonovo from the Bay of Bengal. This species has not been recorded earlier from this area.

The specimen agrees with Day's description [FISHES OF INDIA (1878)], except in the following features: The nostrils are big and elongated;



Rhina anchylostoma Schneider

spiracles are very close to the eyes; white spots are confined only to the posterior region of the body below the spiracles; there are four black bands, a semi-circular one above the eyes and three others between the eyes and spiracles.

The morpho-metric characters of the specimen are as follows:—

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| Total length | | 54.5 cm. |
| Maximum width | | 14.8 „ |
| Height of caudal peduncle | | 1.5 „ |
| Snout to first dorsal | | 24.0 „ |
| Snout to second dorsal | | 34.2 „ |
| Snout to caudal | | 44.5 „ |
| Snout to ventral | | 44.5 „ |
| Snout to hectoral | | 13.2 „ |
| Length of first dorsal | | 3.7 „ |
| Length of second dorsal | | 2.8 „ |
| Length of ventral | | 3.0 „ |
| Length of pectoral | | 10.0 „ |
| Diameter of eye | | 2.9 „ |
| Diameter of spiracle | | 1.3 „ |
| Diameter of nostril | | 3.0 „ |
| Distance between the eyes | | 5.6 „ |
| Distance between the nostrils | | 4.5 „ |

The gut contents of the specimen consisted of appendages of *Squilla* sp., crabs and semi-digested organic matter.

The specimen is preserved in the Ichthyological Museum of the Marine Biological Station, Portonovo.

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9. REMARKS ON THE BAND PATTERN OF THE SOLE *ZEBRIAS SYNAPTUROIDES* (JENKINS)

(With a plate)

During a survey tour to the Kerala coast in 1964-65, I collected three specimens of *Z. synapturoides*, measuring 100.0-140.0 mm. in total length, at Cochin, off Vypeen Island at a depth of 16-20 metres on January 19, 1965. They differ from the typical *Z. synapturoides* in